

APPEAL NO. 020557  
FILED APRIL 15, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on February 21, 2002. With respect to the disputed issues, the appellant (claimant) appealed the hearing officer's determination that the claimant's compensable injury does not extend to and include right shoulder impingement and right carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), and that the claimant did not have disability from September 8, 1999, through the date of the CCH. The respondent (self-insured) responds, urging affirmance.

DECISION

The hearing officer's decision is affirmed.

"Compensable injury" is defined in Section 401.011(10). It is undisputed that the claimant sustained a compensable injury to her right hand. The issue before the hearing officer regarded the extent of the compensable injury. Conflicting evidence was presented regarding the extent of the compensable injury. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established from the evidence presented. We have held that the question of the extent of injury is a question of fact for the hearing officer. Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 93613, decided August 24, 1993. The hearing officer's decision that the claimant's compensable injury does not extend to right shoulder impingement or CTS is supported by sufficient evidence and is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986); In re King's Estate, 150 Tex. 662, 244 S.W.2d 660 (1951). Disability is also a question of fact and the hearing officer's disability finding is also sufficiently supported by the evidence.

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **a certified self-insured**, and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEM  
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET  
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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Michael B. McShane  
Appeals Judge

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Terri Kay Oliver  
Appeals Judge